



By His Excellency Dannel P. Malloy, Governor: an  
**Official Statement**

*W*HEREAS, the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood and other local organizations, in conjunction with the National Association for the Education of Young Children, are celebrating the Week of the Young Child, April 6-12, 2014; and

*W*HEREAS, these organizations are working to improve early learning opportunities, including early literacy programs, that can provide a foundation of learning for children in Connecticut; and

*W*HEREAS, the mission of the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood is to support all young children in their development by ensuring that early childhood policy, funding and services strengthen the critical role families, providers, educators and communities play in a child's life; and

*W*HEREAS, the vision of the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood is that all young children in Connecticut are safe, healthy, learning and thriving and that each child is surrounded by a strong network of nurturing adults who deeply value the importance of the first years of a child's life and have the skills, knowledge, support and passion to meet the unique needs of every child; and

*W*HEREAS, teachers and others who make a difference in the lives of young children in Connecticut deserve thanks and recognition; and

*W*HEREAS, public policies that support early learning for all young children are crucial to young children's futures; now

*T*HEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, do hereby proclaim April 6 – 12, 2014 as

**CONNECTICUT WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD**

in the State of Connecticut and encourage citizens to recognize the valuable role that communities, families, teachers and other early childhood providers play in nurturing and teaching our young children and urge all residents to work to make a good investment in early childhood in Connecticut.



  
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